

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Demonstration Activity (U)

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1. (S/NF/OC) On 28 November 1990, I decided to schedule a remote viewing experiment involving Beacon Person Targeting (BPT) with the DT-S staff. This gave them a brief reprieve from their current report writing activity and helped keep them in touch with the phenomenological aspects of our area of interest. It also provided an opportunity to give a newcomer, [REDACTED] a remote viewing demonstration.

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2. (U) In BPT, a designated person (i.e., a "beacon") visits a randomly selected site where he/she concentrates on the key target area features. At the same time a "viewer", who is of course blind to the target selected, attempts to describe the key features of this site. After the session, and after all data and data summaries are recorded, the beacon person returns and takes the viewer back to the site for feedback. In this way, the viewer receives rapid and total feedback and can readily verify (as can others) what was correct or incorrect in his/her session data. The actual target site is unknown to any of the project personnel until after the feedback session with the beacon person occurs. The actual target is also not known by the beacon person until he/she opens the sealed target package with driving instructions; this does not occur until after the beacon person is out of sight of the home base facility.

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3. (S/NF/OC) In the session we conducted on 28 November 1990, the viewer was [REDACTED] the beacon persons were [REDACTED], and the monitor was [REDACTED] the observer, was located in the viewing room. [REDACTED] and I controlled target selection and insured proper protocol was followed. We also observed the entire BPT session on the video monitor and heard all dialogue

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over the intercom. The entire experimental period took about one hour. This included travel to and from the target area for feedback after the formal session. The only information known to those directly involved was that the target could be anywhere within a 20 minute drive. Even though [REDACTED] had previously prepared the local area target pool from which this particular site was drawn, she had no knowledge of the specific target selected until she was in the car, well away from home base.

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4. (S/NF/OC) The results of this session were encouraging and suggested that valid "beacon person contact" had in fact occurred. [REDACTED] first impressions included "...water,...Burba Lake". Many, but not all, of his responses had relevance to the target site. Some of the responses were too general for clear assessment. It turned out that the target was in fact the Burba Lake Park area on Ft. Meade, though it could have been a site anywhere within a 20 minute drive.

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5. (S/NF) Afterwards, it became very clear to me that experimental sessions such as this are highly beneficial for solidifying group rapport and in keeping interest in the phenomenology at high levels. We all benefited from this demonstration. Even though the target was not especially important, nor did it have any military significance, the session was nevertheless of high interest. It also helped us identify some minor procedural flaws that can easily be corrected.

6. (S/NF/OC) As a result of the positive response to this BPT activity, I plan to schedule additional BPT experiments in the future. They will be low-key and will not interfere with other activities. I have asked [REDACTED] (who is a good beacon person and who has a good target eye) to develop a comprehensive area target pool so that we can refine our BPT activities. We still need to improve out protocol and develop a consistent evaluation procedure. (We are working on a quantification method). Improvements in our BPT activity should be helpful later on when we begin to fold our activities into research-oriented projects in support of the Congressional interests. BPT session such as this also help us to find the bugs in our overall procedures and help the interviewers improve their technique.

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7. (C) This MFR is an informal account of one aspect of our project activity to help in your overall perspective of this phenomenological area. Please treat this MFR as "close-hold", since I have identified the DT-S staff and their specific roles in this experimental demonstration.

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